

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action of June 4, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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